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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/110) [17 (j)].

2. Towards a culture of peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.4/Rev.1) [156].

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/313);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.20).

4. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal : report of the Secretary-General (A/52/435 and Corr.1) [28].

5. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/462);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.24/Rev.1).

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/52/L.15, L.18, L.21, L.22) [12].

7. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/670);

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/671);

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/672);

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/673);

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/674);

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/675);

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/676).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23, L.24 and L.26 (item 95 (b))

3.30 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.2**

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening of international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (agenda item 97 (a))

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22 (item 98 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e))

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   *Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.49**

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.50, L.51*, L.52*, L.53* and L.55**

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   *Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.54**

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267)) and 153 (Human resources management (A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7, paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/52/2 and A/52/574))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA)
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)
3. Draft reports

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefing will be held:

Today, 20 November 1997, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 20 November 1997

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments and the International Civil Service Commission)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

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Informal presentation

The International Labour Organization Liaison Office in New York will hold a seminar on "The ILO and the Australian workplace" *today*, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The speaker will be Mr. Nick Ruskin, industrial relations lawyer.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held *today*, 20 November 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 21 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Jamaica (A/52/233 and Add.1) [8].

10 a.m.	51st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [38]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/513);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.28).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining items on its agenda, namely, item 86 (United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and item 87 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) during the week of 24 November 1997. The deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to these items is Monday, 24 November, at 6 p.m.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda items 86 and 87 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-9223).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) will hold an emergency meeting on Friday, 21 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Friday, 21 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the security of humanitarian personnel under agenda item 20 will be held on Friday, 21 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [145]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, who introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.17, China and Lebanon.

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.12 and A/C.6/52/L.5 which were subsequently adopted by the Committee without a vote.

The representative of the Russian Federation spoke in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.5.

The representative of Mongolia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4/Rev.1.

It was announced that Lebanon and Cuba had joined as co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.4/Rev.1 without a vote.

The representative of Solomon Islands spoke in connection with the draft resolution just adopted.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 146.

Wednesday, 19 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 20th meeting

Questions relating to information [89]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Cameroon, Nepal, Belarus, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Romania, Guyana, Paraguay (also on behalf of the Rio Group (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), Egypt, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Malaysian, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation and Cuba.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in paragraph 63 of document A/52/21.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B contained in paragraph 64 of document A/52/21.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 89.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the members to aide-mémoire 1/97/Add.2 which contained the unofficial provisional list of documents relating to agenda items 86 and 87.

SECOND COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.28

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced and revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.30

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(h) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Secretary corrected the text of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania then introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Australia.

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 42nd and 43rd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/226).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it a paper prepared by the Secretariat responding to questions previously posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Pakistan, the Bahamas, Cuba and Mexico.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be conducted by Mr. Carlos Dante Riva (Argentina).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Argentina, Indonesia, Côte d' Ivoire, Cuba and the United States.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1997

313th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item by reading out the concluding observations on Cuba and Spain.

314th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1997

31st and 32nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic (E/1990/6/Add.7).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [5]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item in closed session.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic (E/1990/6/Add.7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed from 23 to 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace from 23 to 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Africa Industrialization Day

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly *today*, 20 November 1997, at 10 a.m.

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Forum

The United Nations World Television Forum, "Television in the New Multimedia Environment", will continue *today*, 20 November, until 21 November 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Organized by the Department of Public Information and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Radiotelevisione Italiana (RAI) and Mediaset, it will begin *today* at 10 a.m. with a panel on "New Scenarios in Television: Quality, Quantity and Access", moderated by Mr. Jean-Bernard Muench, Secretary-General, European Broadcasting Union (EBU). There will be two-way video links with Mr. Michael Bloomberg, President and CEO, Bloomberg Information TV, speaking from Asia; and Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Director-General, World Trade Organization, from Geneva. At 3 p.m., a panel on "Programming for People" will be moderated by Mr. Larry Loeb, President, North American National Broadcasters Association (NANBA). Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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